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Status					
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>16 Ma</u>	av 2008				
·=	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is				
	closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.				
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Disposition of Claims					
 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8 is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. 					
Application Papers					
 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 					
Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date	4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da 5) Notice of Informal Pa 6) Other:	ite			

DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim Objections

Claims 1- 5 and 8 are objected as being unclear and including inferentially recited elements and lack of proper antecedent basis. For example, it is unclear how the entire first and second compressive layer can have ha0.25 mm while the "hardness thereof is 70JIS-A80JIS-D and the thickness thereof is 0.05 mm or more" (claim 1, lines 11-13). Additionally, there is no proper antecedent basis for "the thickness" (claim 1 line 12). The elements "a supporting body" (claim 1, line 4) and "a separation layer" are inferentially recited. Also, the word "rubberlayer" (claim 1, line 4) should obviously be --rubber layer--.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not teach a separate layer to separate the function of the first compressive layer and the second compressive layer in which the first compressive layer absorbs the general pressure and the second compressive layer absorbs the rapid pressure and that the hardness and the thickness of the separation layer are restricted so as not to transmit the general

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pressure to the second compressive layer as argued by applicant (Remarks, page 7, second paragraph).

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2169. The examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen, can be reached on (571) 272-2258.

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/Anthony H Nguyen/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2854